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PERFORMING A SUBCUTANEOUS OPERATION

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the claims and consider the following remarks in response to the Final Office Action mailed March 16, 2004 (the "Action").

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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